

KAISER AT BAY RISKS HIS ALL IN HUGE DRIVE

Verdun Attack His Last Desperate Gambler's Throw.

French Minister Predicts End of Prussian Dynasty.

TO SAVE HIS OWN FACE
Emperor Leads His People to a Supreme Massacre.

But Final Blow Had To Be Delivered Now or Never.

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Paris, March 4.—With their Verdun offensive, the Germans are taking up their campaign against France just where they left off at the battle of the Marne.

Verdun is the apex of those eastern citadels which have always shackled the German offensive. Through Belgium, and until that apex is smashed, any attack towards the interior of France is exposed to being blunted off by our eastern jaws. Any attack on Paris is taken in the rear by our armies about those fortresses.

Last German Drive.
I do not know whether it is true that General von Deimling told the Fifteenth Corps this was to be the last anti-French offensive, but, true or untrue, the assertion expresses an exact verity.

Germany has arrived at that point where she is bound to make up her mind to use her remaining resources. I learn from the most reliable source that during the last visit of the king of Saxony to his troops, the king surrounded him and told him he was not to be quickly finished and that the soldiers would be unable to undertake a new campaign.

Prussians Suffer Most.
It is noteworthy that the troops who made the greatest sacrifices at Verdun were Prussians. Pomeranians, Silesians and Rhineland soldiers fell by thousands. The Prussians are naturally the supreme champions of Prussian militarism.

Speaking in the presence of the presence of the czar, Foreign Minister, Sazonoff said the allies would continue the war until the hegemony exercised by Germany through Prussian militarism was broken. For the first time, the allies objective is clearly defined: the German yoke against Sazonoff can easily be understood.

The Kaiser at Bay.
Conservative organs in Germany are clamoring for the displacement of Von Bethmann-Hollweg and the appointment of a chancellor belonging to the militarist party such as Von Hindenburg or Von Tiritz. German militarism is now seeking to defend itself with its own men.

The Kaiser is at bay and has to save the country and himself. At a recent Potsdam council he obtained the opinions of Von Hindenburg, Von Mackensen, Haessler and Von Deimling on the situation.

The German chief saw the Russian front consolidated, the czar reconstituted and assuming a victorious offensive at different points. German effort in this theater would lead nowhere. Many months would have to pass before a decision against the Russians could be obtained.

In the Balkans, Germany would be only working for the benefit of the Bulgarians who are unable to make a serious effort for themselves. Saloni was seen to be impregnable. Greece was veering and Rumania was no longer sure.

In the direction of Egypt and Asia the game was up. Through the capture of Erzerum, Turkey had already become a dead weight. The German army was forced to look towards France.

True, the republican army was powerful, valorous and ready to die where it stood rather than give up the struggle. Its artillery and ammunition were a hundred times superior to what they were when it repulsed the furious German attacks at the Yser. These considerations militated against the mad blow.

Had to Strike.
But the blow had to be delivered somewhere before spring should bring the new Russian and British armies into line, before the Austro-German powers should undergo further decline, before the people should lose courage and the spirit of resistance—before the allies should begin to smash Prussian militarism.

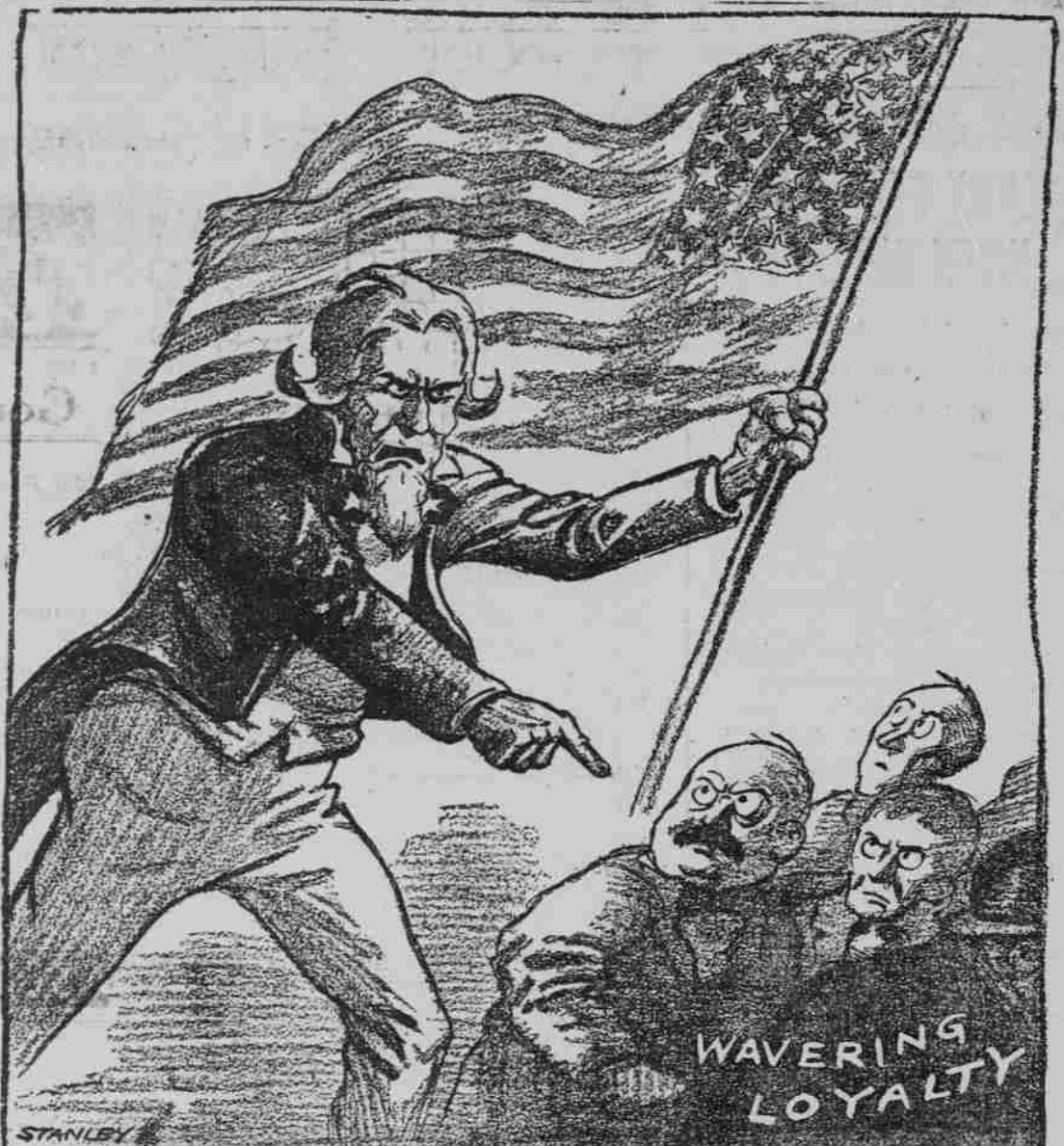
The king of Saxony reported to the Kaiser the promises which his own troops were bringing to bear upon him. The confederate states were beginning to get restless. Therefore, the Kaiser ordered an offensive on the French front.

Back Where He Started.
The emperor visited his son, called around him all his old Prussian generals, all that remained of the unbreakable iron phalanx and resumed the desperate hammering at Verdun which he opened the war.

Every hour, every minute decides the result of this last, desperate gambler's throw. The Kaiser stands involved, not only before history, but before his own people. He continues to lead his people to butchery. To save himself, he orders a supreme massacre.

But, the hour has struck. Verdun brings no luck to the Prussian dynasty. To Von Deimling's alleged assertion

"GET OUT OR GET UNDER!"



that this is the last offensive, I will add the statement recently made to me by one of our greatest leaders: "It is better so. Let them attack. We are ready for them."

CAPPER SPOKE AT K. C.

Governor Gave Graduating Address at the Night High School.

Kansas City, Kan., March 4.—Governor Arthur Capper addressed the graduating class of the night high school here Friday night. He gave some advice to fathers and employers in the course of his talk.

"The father," he said, "should not feel that his full duty toward his son has ended when he has provided him with food, clothing and an education. He must make him feel that he is his close friend and adviser. The employer, or the man who has men working under his direction, must be to them a sort of father. If he would succeed, his men must love him and have confidence in him. He must be willing to give them advice on their personal matters and not walk stiffly through his factory with an air of superiority. The man who numbers among his friends his employees, who sympathizes with them in their misfortunes, and rejoices with them in their good luck, and, above all, who makes his good fortune theirs, is sure to succeed and the employee of such a man is sure to be a good and contented citizen."

The governor also spoke of the need of giving every child a good education in the common branches in the grade schools and in manual training.

"In the penitentiary at Lansing there is not a man who has learned a trade," he said.

CONDENSED NEWS

England Sells U. S. Merchandise.
London, March 4.—The enormous number of parcels of merchandise seized from the parcels post while en route from the United States are being disposed of as rapidly as possible by the British authorities. Parcels considered innocent, after a preliminary examination, are sent on to their destinations, while others of origin or destination which are subject to suspicion must pass through the usual price court procedure.

Death of Isaac Rogers.
Galesburg, Mich., March 4.—Isaac Rogers, 73 years of age, a newspaper man who was nationally known as "The Galesburg Lion," died at his home here today. Rogers' whimsical stories, which he good naturedly insisted were "news" were reprinted by newspapers throughout the United States.

Villa Flees From Casas Grandes.
El Paso, March 4.—Francisco Villa, the outlaw chieftain, is fleeing northward from Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, according to official dispatches received today by General Gabriel Garcia at Juarez. Carranza officials expressed uncertainty whether Villa was headed for the United States border or for Sonora.

German Seaplane Down.
London, March 4.—A German sea-plane returning from England was yesterday picked up by the French three miles north of Middelkerke bank, off the Belgian coast. It was announced in an official statement issued this evening.

House Holds Key.
Administration officials said today that practically all senators who voted yesterday to table the Gore resolution were voting for the president's policy, and that should the house fail to vote to uphold the president in decisive form the fight might be carried back to the senate for a direct vote to defeat the McCumber resolution.

Wilson Resignation False.
Aroused by the publication of reports yesterday that President Wilson, because of the strain of the foreign situation, was considering resigning from office, the White House today issued this formal statement:

"When Secretary Tumulty's attention was called to the story appearing in certain papers that the president had resigned or was considering resigning, he said: 'An American newspaper that would publish a story of that kind in a situation like the one which now confronts America dishonors itself.'"

After the order was issued it was rushed by McDermott to the sheriff's office. L. L. Kiene set out to serve the writs. A taxi was called and then the wildest rides made by peace officers to serve papers for some time ensued.

A blowout delayed the expedition only long enough for the driver to tear the tire from the wheel. From that time on, the driver was left to his own devices. Cut-out open, steam pouring from the radiator, the tireless rear wheel pounding the earth, the little band of men and women through seas of mud and long sticky stretches of clay roads.

At the schoolhouse all was quiet when the party of McDermott arrived at their destination. Two or three men on the outside appeared to be waiting. Kiene walked into the building and the men and women were the defendants, other occupants of the building crowding around.

All the judges and McDermott had nothing to say other than a casual remark. McDermott started to tell Sherman what the writ meant when the latter asked him to wait until he had finished his story. The judge would not be included in the writ.

"That is an order of the court," snapped McDermott. "If you don't I will have you before the court for contempt this afternoon."

The judge, however, the allies decided to force the German fleet into the open, the United States would send its quota of warships for the attack.

Today's Dun's Review.
New York, March 4.—Dun's Review today says:

All speculators' markets have undergone reaction, but commercial enterprise moves steadily forward. Influences which affect stock, grain and cotton markets are the even course of money and exchange nor is the solid foundation of business confidence shaken.

Speculation, however, has been increasing uncertainty, though in most cases stimulating rather than curtailing consumption. Market buyers are anticipating continued advances are prompted to provide for future requirements at current levels, yet experience greater difficulty in further extending commitments.

Manufacturers, already covered for months, are coming up to the point ahead in 1916, are in independent position and instead of seeking new contracts endeavor to work orders off their books and thus relieve the pressure upon productive forces. Notwithstanding claims of improved conditions, the manufacturing facilities continue inadequate and the freight congestion adds to the burdens of producers and consumers alike, besides accelerating the rise in commodities.

Difficulties in overseas shipping are still a drawback, yet in spite of this the merchandise exports in January were exceeded by the total output in December while imports surpassed all previous records.

Weekly bank clearings \$4,276,649, a record.

Rallies that ensued failed to hold. Temporary export demand seemed to have dried up. The close was steady but failed to manifest any very definite trend. Dealings were light and changes either way were mostly fractional. Speculations, including the Munitions and Motors were under moderate pressure.

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